Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Harlan Huetson was born and grew up in Vermillion, South Dakota, graduating in 1958 from Vermillion High School; and,

Whereas, Harlan and his wife, Elaine, have been married 43 years, giving life and love to three daughters, and are the grandparents of two grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Harlan enlisted in the Naval Reserve on December 3, 1956, was on active duty from 1958-1960 with two tours of duty on Task Force 77 in the South Pacific, received the outstanding achievement award as Naval Reservist of the Year for South Dakota in 1968, and the Republic of China (Taiwan) 1958 Campaign Badge of Honor in 2001, and retired from the U.S. Navy with 21 years of service on January 1, 1979; and,

Whereas, Harlan is a partner in ownership of Johnson Appliance, Inc., of Sioux Falls, has served 3 years as the finance chairperson for the Hilltop Methodist Church in Sioux Falls, and is a 25-year member of Blue Lodge of South Dakota; and,

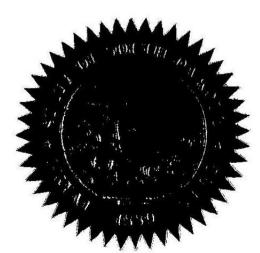
Whereas, Harlan was initiated into the Sioux Falls Elks Lodge #262 on September 10, 1964, serving as the Sioux Falls Lodge Exalted Ruler, Assistant Ritual Coach, and Secretary, as well as the State Vice President, President Elect, President, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and Grand Lodge Committeeman, and Harlan has been honored as a recipient of the Sioux Falls Lodge Elk of the Year, State Elk of the Year, and President Award Committeeman of the Year; and,

Whereas, Harlan has played an important role in the success of both the state and local Elks organizations, and the Sioux Falls Lodge will honor Harlan at their "Old Timers Night" on May 21, 2004, for his contributions to the Elks organization:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2004, as

HARLAN HUETSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State